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**Lowering of the Maritime Security Level for Ferries Certificated to Carry
More than 150 Passengers and the Facilities that Receive Them**

The Department of Homeland Security has lowered the threat level from Code Orange, or High, to Code Yellow, Elevated, previously targeted only to the mass transportation systems. Accordingly, the Commandant of the Coast Guard and I, as the Federal Maritime Security Coordinator, have lowered the Maritime Security (MARSEC) Level to **MARSEC Level 1, applicable only to the mass transportation system in the maritime domain, which is defined as ferries certificated to carry more than 150 passengers and the facilities that receive them.**

At this time, there is no specific, credible intelligence information indicating that an attack in the United States is imminent. However, we will continue to closely monitor and analyze threat information and share that information, together with guidance for protective measures, with state, local and private sector authorities as well as the general public as part of the sustained national effort to prevent terrorist attacks and protect our homeland."

The Captain of the Port, Jacksonville, FL reminds the public to report any suspicious activity to the Coast Guard National Response Center (NRC) 1-800-424-8802.

Each owner or operator of a vessel or facility in the COTP Jacksonville zone that is required to have a security plan under Title 33, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 104 or 105, and is affected by this change in MARSEC Level, must report attainment of that MARSEC Level to the Coast Guard Integrated Command Center at (904) 247-7318.


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